

LFUCG Greenways

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Final Draft of Greenways Master Plan available

On May 29, 2002, the Greenspace Commission officially endorsed the Greenway Master Plan and recommended its adoption as an amendment to the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Update. This action allows us to move forward with the full adoption of the Greenways Master Plan by the Planning Commission in June. Once the Plan is adopted, we can begin implementation of the new Greenways Program. Copies of the draft text document and maps are now available on-line at www.lfucg.com/greenways or if you do not have access to the web, copies of the document and maps can be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40508 for a nominal charge or as a CD from the Division of Engineering. Call 859.258.3410 for more information.

The Master Plan covers various subjects, including existing conditions, benefits of greenways, goals and objectives of the plan, a proposed greenway system, and a plan of action.

Public comments on the Master Plan will be accepted until June 17, 2002 and will be presented to the Planning Commission for their consideration. All public comments should be sent to the Division of Planning, 200 East Main Street, 10th floor, Lexington, KY 40507.

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on June 20 and a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday afternoon, June 27th.

As this document is nearing completion it is obvious that greenways, trails and other environmental issues are taking on renewed interest. Within the past few months recent newspaper articles have dealt with bicycling in the Bluegrass, greenways and restoration of natives species. There is a growing interest in the protection of our greenway system and this plan will insure that the greenways in Fayette County will be protected and enhanced.



Recently acquired greenway on
Roanoke Drive

Visit the Greenways Website http://www.lfucg.com/greenways
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As the greenway system continues to grow (within the past year the LFUCG has accepted 55 acres and we are in the position to acquire an additional 108 acres) this Master Plan will become more important in achieving the mission of improving the quality of life for Lexington-Fayette County residents while protecting our natural resources.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Cindy Deitz who is new the Greenspace Planner for the Division of Planning. Cindy is a Lexington native and landscape architect.

The Division of Engineering is also pleased to announce an increase in the greenway maintenance budget for fiscal year starting July1, 2002.

The staff would be glad to speak to any groups or neighborhood associations interested in hearing more about Greenways and how they can help our community. Please contact Keith Lovan (klovan@lfucg.com, 258-3478) or Cindy Deitz (cdeitz@lfucg.com, 258-3267) for more information or to arrange a speaking engagement.

Why Establish Greenways?

- Support Economic Development
- Promote Healthy Living
- Provide Environmental Benefits
- Preserve Our History and Culture
- Build a Better Life

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